



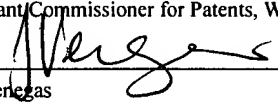
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Christopher J. DANEK et al.

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2001 (Paper No. 12) for which the shortened statutory time for response is June 14, 2001. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 (all pending claims) stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiggs et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,972,026 to Laufer et al. (hereafter